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From: Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronological Narrative of 2000  
(3) Narrative  
(4) USS MICHIGAN History  
(5) Commanding Officer's Biography and Picture  
(6) 3 1/2 inch disk

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded, per reference (a).

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USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD) (UIC 35956)  
Command Composition and Organization

1. Mission: The mission of the SSBN 726-class submarine is to provide strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 class submarines are designed to:

a. Operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to nuclear attack by a foreign power, and to destroy land targets with strategic, nuclear armed missiles.

b. Minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. Operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. Organization: The USS MICHIGAN, the second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by CDR Dietrich H. Kuhlmann, III (Gold Crew) and CDR Brian Coval (Blue Crew).

There are presently eight Trident submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Michael R. Oliver.

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)  
Chronological Narrative for 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 JAN 00 - 10 JAN 00	ON STRATEGIC DETERRENT PATROL.
10 JAN 00 - 11 JAN 00	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI. WEAPONS LOAD.
11 JAN 00 - 14 JAN 00	TACTICAL WEAPONS PROFICIENCY AND TACTICAL READINESS EXAMINATION.
14 JAN 00 - 19 JAN 00	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI. PORT VISIT.
19 JAN 00 - 09 FEB 00	ON STRATEGIC DETERRENT PATROL.
09 FEB 00 - 10 FEB 00	CONDUCTED TIGER CRUISE.
10 FEB 00	INPORT BANGOR, WA. COMPLETED PATROL 54.
10 FEB 00 - 11 FEB 00	CONDUCTED A DEFENSE NUCLEAR SURETY INSPECTION AND NUCLEAR TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION.
13 FEB 00	EXCHANGE OF COMMAND. BLUE CREW RELIEVED THE GOLD CREW.
15 FEB 00 - 08 MAR 00	GOLD CREW CONDUCTS REFIT SUPPORT.
09 MAR 00 - 02 JUN 00	LEAVE, STAND DOWN, AND OFFCREW TRAINING PERIOD.
03 JUN 00	EXCHANGE OF COMMAND. GOLD CREW RELIEVES THE BLUE CREW.
04 JUN 00 - 28 JUN 00	GOLD CREW CONDUCTS REFIT.
28 JUN 00	COMPLETED REFIT.
28 JUN 00 - 02 JUL 00	INPORT BANGOR, WA.
03 JUL 00	UNDERWAY FOR SEA TRIALS, DABOB BAY, AND EVERETT, WA.
03 JUL 00 - 05 JUL 00	INPORT EVERETT WA. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PORT VISIT.
05 JUL 00	UNDERWAY FOR BANGOR, WA. CONDUCTED FAMILY MEMBER CRUISE.
05 JUL 00 - 07 JUL 00	INPORT BANGOR, WA.
07 JUL 00	UNDERWAY FOR STRATEGIC DETERRENT PATROL 56.
08 SEP 00 - 10 SEP 00	CONDUCTED OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION.
20 SEP 00 - 21 SEP 00	CONDUCTED TIGER CRUISE.
21 SEP 00	INPORT BANGOR, WA. COMPLETED PATROL 56.
24 SEP 00	EXCHANGE OF COMMAND. BLUE CREW RELIEVES THE GOLD CREW.
24 SEP 00 - 22 OCT 00	GOLD CREW CONDUCTS REFIT SUPPORT.
23 OCT 00 - 16 NOV 00	OFFCREW TRAINING PERIOD.
17 NOV 00	CHANGE OF COMMAND. COMMANDER DIETRICH H. KUHLMANN III RELIEVES COMMANDER THOMAS H. BARGE II AS COMMANDING OFFICER USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD).
17 NOV 00 - 26 NOV 00	LEAVE AND STAND DOWN PERIOD.
27 NOV 00 - 15 DEC 00	OFFCREW TRAINING PERIOD.
15 DEC 00 - 31 DEC 00	LEAVE AND STAND DOWN PERIOD.

#### Narrative

No narrative is provided. The events listed in the chronology need no further amplification.

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)  
History

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Trident class nuclear submarine to be constructed, and is the third warship to bear the name of the Great Lakes State.

The ship's keel was laid on 4 April 1977 by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The Submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucian N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

Michigan Gold's Outstanding performance during 2000 was recognized by receipt of:

COMSUBRON SEVENTEEN Unit Awards

- Battle Efficiency "E"                      **Third Consecutive Award**
- Engineering Red "E"                      **Fourth Consecutive Award**
- Damage Control "DC"
- Tactical "T"
  
- CINCPACFLT Retention Excellence Award
- Awarded SECNAV Letter of Commendation



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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology of Events  
(3) Diskette with electronic copy of files

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted for the USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE), UIC: 35955.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. S. Coval", is written over the printed name.

B. S. COVAL

## Part I

### COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Unit Identification:

Command Short Title: USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE)

UIC: 35955

CO: CDR Brian S. Coval

Homeport: Bangor, Washington

2. Mission:

The mission of the SSBN 726 Class Submarine is to provide strategic deterrence against hostile forces by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missiles against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 submarines are designed to perform the following tasks:

- a. To operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to a nuclear weapon attack by a foreign power, and to destroy designated land targets with strategic, nuclear-armed missiles.
- b. To remain undetected while fulfilling her strategic mission.
- c. To assume a defensive posture against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

3. Organization:

The USS MICHIGAN, second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by Commander Brian S. Coval (BLUE) and Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann (GOLD).

There are presently eighteen Trident submarines; eight are homeported at Bangor, Washington which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17.

## PART II

### 2000 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KEY EVENT</u>
13 Feb	Exchange of Command, Commander Brian S. Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieve Commander T. H. Barge, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.
15 Feb	Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics, toured boat.
15 Feb - 13 Mar	Refit Period
13 Mar	Dabob Bay Trials
15-19 Mar	Refresher Training
21 Mar - 22 Apr	Deployed Alert Period
26 Apr	Weapons Load
26 Apr - 01 May	Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency Conducted Strategic Readiness Exam
01-04 May	Hawaii Port Visit
4 May	Conducted VIP Cruise in conjunction with Hawaii Port Visit including COMSUBPAC, the Honolulu Chief of Police, and Staff Delegate, Mr. Terry Greene
7-25 May	Deployed Alert Period
30-31 May	Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection
31 May	Returned to Bangor Washington
01 Jun	Conducted VIP Cruise for State of Michigan
04 Jun	Exchange of Command, Commander Brian S. Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieved by Commander T. H. Barge, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.



05 Jun - 20 Sep	Refit Assist, Off-crew, and Training Period
24 Sep	Exchange of Command, Commander Brian S. Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieve Commander T. H. Barge, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.
24 Sep - 20 Oct	Refit Period
24 Oct	Dabob Bay Trials
26 Oct	Underway for Patrol
28 Oct	KILOEX with USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 733)
30 Oct - 03 Nov	Refresher Training
01 Nov	KILOEX with USS Alabama (SSBN 732)
12 Nov - 19 Nov	Deployed Alert Period
21-24 Nov	Port Visit, Bangor, Washington
03-07 Dec	Deployed Alert Period
18 Dec	KILOEX with USS Alabama
20-27 Dec	Deployed Alert Period
29 Dec - 31 Dec	Port Visit, Bangor, Washington